

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

12-md-02311
Honorable Marianne O. Battani

ALL PARTS

THIS RELATES TO: ALL CASES

AMENDED ELECTRONIC CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL ORDER

On August 29, 2012, the Court entered its Electronic Case Management Protocol Order, with an effective date of September 10, 2012, to simplify the electronic case filing (“ECF”) system in Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation. Since that time, six new automotive parts have been added to the litigation, requiring the Court to amend the ECF procedures to **delete the letters** appearing in the case numbers of the first six parts and **replace them with the numeral 2** and to assign numbers to the five newly added parts. The amended protocol follows:

1. The “Master Case,” 12-md-02311, includes all cases involving automotive parts antitrust actions that are transferred to the Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“JPML”) or otherwise consolidated or coordinated with other matters before the Court under the Master Case, 12-md-02311.
2. The Master Case includes “Lead Cases” relating to specific parts, including, but not limited to Wire Harness, Instrument Panel Clusters, Fuel Senders, Heater Control Panels, Bearings, Occupant Safety Systems, Alternators, Anti-Vibration Rubber Parts, Windshield Wipers, Radiators, and Starters.

3. The Lead Cases include “Class Cases” for each particular putative class of plaintiffs (Direct Purchaser, Automobile Dealer, and End-Payor) to the extent such putative plaintiff class has brought an action related to the specific part.

4. Within each Class Case, there will be individual member cases referred to as “Individual Cases”. These are the originally filed individual complaints that will retain the originally assigned case numbers. Accordingly, the cases will be organized as follows:

MASTER DOCKET (“MASTER CASE”)		In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ANTITRUST LITIGATION 12-md-02311
LEAD CASE	WIRE HARNESS	2:12-cv-00100
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00101
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00102
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00103
LEAD CASE	INSTRUMENT PANEL CLUSTERS	2:12-cv-00200
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00201
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00202
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00203
LEAD CASE	FUEL SENDERS	2:12-cv-00300
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00301
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00302
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00303
LEAD CASE	HEATER CONTROL PANELS	2:12-cv-00400

Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00401
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00402
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00403
LEAD CASE	BEARINGS	2:12-cv-00500
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00501
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00502
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00503
LEAD CASE	OCCUPANT SAFETY SYSTEMS	2:12-CV-00600
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00601
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00602
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00603
LEAD CASE	ALTERNATORS	2:13-cv-00700
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-00701
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-00702
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-00703
LEAD CASE	ANTI-VIBRATIONAL RUBBER PARTS	2:13-cv-00800
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-00801
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-00802
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-00803
LEAD CASE	WINDSHIELD WIPERS	2:13-cv-00900
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-00901
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-00902
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-00903
LEAD CASE	RADIATORS	2:13-cv-01000

Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01001
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01002
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01003
LEAD CASE	STARTERS	2:13-cv-01100
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01101
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01102
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01103

5. Papers applicable to all antitrust actions involving all automotive parts transferred to this Court shall be filed only in 12-md-02311. The following caption shall be used:

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6. Papers applicable to all putative class actions relating to a particular part shall be filed only in the appropriate Lead Case. The following caption shall be used:

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In Re: [NAME OF PART] CASES

2:1[x]-cv-0[xxxx]-MOB-MKM

**THIS RELATES TO: ALL
[Name of the Part] CASES**

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7. Papers only applicable to a specific putative class action relating to a particular part shall be filed only in the appropriate Class Case within the appropriate Lead Case. The following caption shall be used:

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In Re: [NAME OF PART] CASES

**THIS RELATES TO:
[NAME OF PUTATIVE CLASS
CASE]**

2:1[x]-cv-0[xxxx]-MOB-MKM

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8. By way of example, papers applicable to all consolidated amended complaints relating to Wire Harnesses shall be filed only in 2:12-cv-00100, the Lead Case, and not separately in the Master Case, 12-md-02311, or in any Class Case or Individual Case. As a further example, all papers applicable to the Dealership Consolidated

Amended Complaint relating to Wire Harnesses shall be filed only in the Class Case, 2:12-cv-00102, and not separately in the Master Case, or 12-md-02311, or the Lead Case, 2:12-cv-00100.

9. Any paper that is applicable only to an Individual Case must be filed separately in each applicable Individual Case. The following caption shall be used:

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In Re: [NAME OF PART] CASES

THIS RELATES TO:

2:1[x]-cv-0[xxxx]-MOB-MKM

[Name of Plaintiff(s)]

[List all applicable numbers]

v.

[Name of Defendant(s)]

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10. To the extent not already accomplished, attorneys shall file appearances in:

- a. The Master Case;
- b. All applicable Lead Cases in which they represent client(s); and
- c. All applicable Class Cases in which they represent client(s).

11. Attorneys representing client(s) in the Master Case may file appearances as an interested party in any Lead Case or Class Case where they do not represent client(s).

12. New cases that counsel believe pertain to this Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation should be identified at the time of filing as related to 12-md-02311 on the Civil Cover Sheet. Further, counsel shall indicate on the Civil Cover Sheet whether counsel believes that the new case should be assigned to an existing Lead Case and/or Class Case or involves a new automotive part requiring a new Lead Case or Class Case.

13. After the Court reassigns any new or existing cases within the structure of 12-md-02311, parties shall have twenty-one days to file an objection to the Court's designation.

14. This Order is without prejudice as to the rights of any party to challenge any revision of this protocol involving additional parts or designations.

15. The electronic protocol shall be effective **March 22, 2013**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Marianne O. Battani
MARIANNE O. BATTANI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: March 19, 2013

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon all counsel of record on the above date via the Court's ECF Filing System.

s/Bernadette M. Thebolt
CASE MANAGER